

INFORMATION REPORT

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1. At 0300 hours on 23 August 1954, a naval vessel was observed in a position five to seven nautical miles northeast of Danilov Island (approximately N 66-43, E 41-05). The vessel was heading toward the inlet of the Mezen River. The ship had one shielded gun on the foredeck, a bridge with a signal mast, and one stack. There was a break in the main deck abaft the stack. On each side of the afterdeck lay some red-painted gear [redacted] 25X1
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2. In the sound between Mudvueskiy Island (N 64-55, E 40-15) and Lyedebin Island (N 64-49, E 40-22) [redacted] many small naval vessels. The only characteristic noted was the fact that the hulls of the vessels were noticeably narrow. A number of similar or identical vessels were seen every day while in Arkhangelsk harbor. 25X1
3. Daily, jet aircraft flew over Solombala Island (N 64-36, E 40-33) at high altitudes; they always flew on a northeast or southwest course.
4. One special type of jet aircraft was observed flying on a southwest course at a lower altitude than the others. [redacted] referred to it as the "Bat" aircraft. Its fuselage was round or oval-shaped, and it was "shoulder-winged." The structural transition from the fuselage to the wings was not sharply defined. The wings were severely swept-back at the leading edge, but perpendicular to the fuselage at the trailing edge. The ends of the wings were pointed. [redacted] the wings were bowed or bent downward. 25X1
The flat surface of the tail assembly was similar in design to that of the [redacted]

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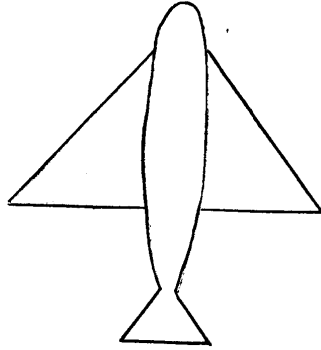
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Sketch of Soviet Aircraft:



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